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1. The Gheorghiu Dej (formerly Apaca) clothing factory is located on Strada Republica (formerly Regala), Barlad, next to the barracks. It produces 100 to 120 tons of clothing per month for Batalionul 4 Administrativ Roman. The factory consists of one building 65 x 20 meters and two smaller buildings 40 x 10 meters. All three are brick buildings with corrugated iron roofs. Four hundred workers in two shifts and 40 clerks are employed. Equipment consists of 18 electric cutting machines, 120 sewing machines, and 50 cutting tables. The factory has its own 24-hour guard of six men and a defense organization of Party members.
2. The Moara Unirea flour mill is on Bulevardul Unirea, Barlad, behind the Beldiman hospital. It is controlled by the Ministry of Commerce. The mill's production capacity is 40 tons of flour per 24 hours, which is enough to meet the town's requirements. Sixty workers are employed in two shifts.
3. The Republica oil factory is near the Barlad railroad station. It is controlled by the Ministry of Food. The factory produces 60 tons of oil per 24 hours. The oil cake yielded by the residue is exported to Germany where another five to six per cent of edible oil is extracted by a new process. Equipment consists of 14 steam presses. Forty workers and eight clerks are employed regularly, and an additional 40 workers are hired during the busy season.
4. An absorbent cotton factory is also located near the railroad station in Barlad, in the former Roeder warehouse. It makes absorbent cotton for the army and governmental enterprises. The factory consists of one 50 x 12 building and one 30 x 10 meter building, both of brick with corrugated iron roofs. Eighty women and 10 clerks are employed.
5. A ball-bearing factory is near the municipal gardens in Barlad, on the road to Zorleni. Sovromconstructia started to build this factory, but Constructorul completed it. It consists of 30 brick buildings with corrugated iron roofs.

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and occupies an area 2,500 x 800 meters. Since the entire ball-bearing industry is to be concentrated in this factory, it has received machinery from all other ball-bearing factories. Production is to begin later in 1952 with 5,000 workers being employed.

6. A methylated spirits and canning factory is at Ghidigeni, 35 kilometers south of Barlad and four kilometers from the former Nichiseni railroad station. It is controlled by the Ministry of Food. It produces 200 tons of methylated spirits per 24 hours and 5,000 kilograms of canned vegetable per 24 hours in the season. The factory also cans an unknown quantity of fish and fruit. Its equipment consists of six 200 ton vats, four spare vats, a distilling cylinder, fermentation baths, four automatic presses for making tin cans, and 25 autoclaves. Four hundred workers in two shifts, 35 clerks, and several technicians are employed. The factory uses mazut to generate its own electricity. There is a railroad siding in the factory yard.
7. A flour mill and oil press are located near the railroad station in Murgeni. It consists of several concrete buildings with corrugated iron roofs. Equipment consists of a complete milling installation and six modern steam presses for oil extraction. Sixty workers are employed in two shifts. The electric power plant is adjacent to the factory.
8. The large warehouses at Falciu, west of Barlad on the USSR-Rumanian border, can hold 5,000 tons of goods. Rumanian goods which are destined for export to the USSR are stored here before being reloaded into Soviet freight cars.
9. Iasi, Botosani, Pascani, Bacau, and Barlad have been declared workers' towns. This is the result of the Soviet's intention to transfer the greater part of Rumania's industry to the Northern Moldavia district, particularly in the vicinity of the river Prut.

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